

support to the extent of his ability. Unless we greatly mistake the signs of the times, the Brethren church is entering upon a new era in its life and progress, and if its membership possess the spiritual insight to discern these signs and the day of the Lord's visitation, the coming year will prove an epoch in the history of our church. We speak hopefully because we have faith and our hope rests upon our faith as its foundation. We have been depending too much upon our own strength and might to accomplish the Lord's work. We are now coming to realize that "not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord." In its own strength the Brethren church can not accomplish much, but when as the apostle exhorts, we become "strong in the Lord and in the power of his might" we shall be able to work wonders in his name. Let us pray for a revival all along the various lines of religious activity. God can make us a mighty power in the world's religious forces if we are willing to become such. Are we? Then let us submit to his will and consecrate our all to his service.

RAISING MONEY.

There are many ways of raising money to carry on the Lord's work, but really there is but one legitimate way and that is to *give it*. After all is said and done, the easiest and simplest way to raise money for the Lord's work is to do as Brother Yoder suggests in his tract, "The Gospel of Giving;" first put *down* money, then it is easy to raise. Of the many ways resorted to by different societies of the church there are few that are in harmony with the gospel spirit of giving. The *Christian Advocate* under the heading, "Another Smirching of the Church," presents the following item to its readers:

We have on our table a handbill of a minstrel show to be given by the ladies of a Presbyterian church on the 17th of last month. 'All the latest negro melodies, funny gags, jokes, amusing dialogues. Twenty ladies in burnt cork. Music by the best home talent.' This has been paralleled by Methodists and Baptists. Is there any reason to believe that Christians who will lend themselves to such work in the name of the church have any genuine experience in the guidance of the Holy Spirit?

If they have any experience in the guidance of the Holy Spirit it is certainly not manifested in the choice of means for raising money to carry on the work of the Lord. Such methods are out of all harmony with the plain and simple teachings of the Word on the subject of giving. Giving should be made a part of our every day religion, just as much so as praying.

Personal Mention.

Brother Wirick reports one accession at Auburn Junction.

Brother W. A. Welty reports five accessions, three by relation and two by letter.

Brother Rensch is pushing the College canvass in Indiana and is meeting with some success.

Brother D. J. Meyers called at the office Tuesday, September 28. Always welcome, Brother Meyers.

Brother J. L. Kimmel speaks very encouragingly of the outlook in his field of labor. He reports three accessions.

Brother D. A. Hopkins writes, 'Put me down as one of the five hundred. Will send the dollar and the name later.'

The Brethren church at Winchester has engaged Brother Keim for another year as pastor. He reports one accession.

Brother Z. T. Livengood tell in a very interesting way how two young people united with the church at Lanark, recently.

Brother J. C. Cassel, secretary of the National Mission Board will have something interesting to say next week touching the subject of missions.

Brother McFaden is back to Chicago again hard at work. He has excellent helpers in his gospel work in such persons as Sister Gibbons, brethren Coffman and Barth.

Brother A. L. Garber preached in the College chapel last Sabbath morning. The church has not yet secured a pastor, but has appointed a committee to look after that work.

Once more we have heard from brother J. C. Ewing who now resides at Hampton, Ga. He addresses the EVANGELIST thus: Please visit me weekly to the amount enclosed.

Brother Wm. Kiefer has been engaged as pastor of the Fair Haven church for another year. He has been pastor of that church for a number of years and is a faithful worker.

The report of the Union Meeting, held at La Paz, Ind., by sister Emma Houser, is a model one, and we recommend the form of a report to others who are called upon to make such reports.

Brother Simon Mikesell says, 'Enclosed find \$2 for two subscriptions. I will try to get some more. Will do all I can to get my share of the five hundred subscribers.' Such letters are encouraging. Thanks, brother.

Brother Hubbard, Elkhart, says, "It is my desire to place the EVANGELIST into every home in the church, especially those I receive into the church. God helping me I shall do it." Brother Hubbard is doing good work in his congregation. Eight have been added within a short time.

On a postal card, Brother Myers, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., writes, "I want to be one of the five hundred who will each secure one new subscriber for the EVANGELIST. It ought to be read each week in every family in the brotherhood. Then the Mission Boards would have plenty of money to support our missions. The pastors work would be lessened and his labors more appreciated. The college sustained financially and a large number of students attending the school."

Peace should be sought as a precious pearl, and, when found, it is to be worn as a badge of our Christian love.

Literary Notes.

Food for the thoughtful reader, who seeks not only entertainment, but also instruction and enlightenment, is furnished in the October number of *The Chautauquan* by such scholarly and accomplished writers as Prof. Dana Carleton Munro, who deals with "Luther's Influence on Literature," Mr. Hamblen Sears, by treating with fascinating reality "The Building of the German Empire," Prof. George E. Vincent, in an able presentation of "Imperial Germany and Imperial Rome," and Pres. John F. Goucher, whose comprehensive and stimulative lecture on "Individualism," delivered at Chautauqua Assembly on Recognition Day, is here given to the magazine world.

It is not generally known that sister Mary Deitz, Hudson, Iowa, is the author of a beautiful and helpful little book, "*The Living Voice*." It is a guide to purity and tells in a forcible manner how the way may be opened for the acceptance of divine love as the true basis for marriage. Following are a few testimonials:

I have carefully read *The Living Voice* and accept the truth it teaches as a part of the Divine plan.

Very few marriages are consummated thro the guidance of the Holy Spirit; such as are, are happy and lasting as long as life lasts. As happiness is the prime object of most marriages it is of paramount importance that every unmarried person should study the subject from its divine standpoint; '*The Living Voice*' will greatly assist one to do this, I therefore heartily recommend it to the reading public, especially to young people.—J. C. CASSEL, 709 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. Mary Wood-Allen, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Supt. Purity Dept., N. W. C. T. U. regrets that the work may be hard for many to comprehend on account of its statements being theological, but says: "However, I see you are striving for purity of thought and life and so far indeed, I can recommend your little book."

It will repay any young man or woman who will give it a careful perusal — *Waterloo Courier*.

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